Economic Development and Environment

*127. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) What steps have been taken by Government to achieve the goal of carrying economic development with pollution free environment;

(b) what are the obstacles in achieving this goal; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to remove such obstacles, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Protection of the Environment has always been a major concern and has been built into all programmes, projects and policies taken up so far. Awareness among the common people and industrial entrepreneurs and availability of requisite fund for environmental pollution control are the main obstacles towards a development of pollution free environment. However, protection of environment is a continuing process. As part of this process, we have to seek integration of environmental and economic aspects in development planning; lay stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement; promote technological inputs for reducing industrial pollutants and increase reliance upon public cooperation in securing a clean environment. Keeping these considerations in view, the 'Policy Statement for Abatement of Pollution' have been formulated.

करनाल तेल शोधक कारखाना

*128. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) करनाल तेल शोधक कारखाने की किस सेक्टर में और किस एजेंसी द्वारा स्थापित किया जाएगा;

(ख) इस कारखाने की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है और इस पर अभी तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है;

(ग) इसमें कितना उत्पादन होगा; और

(घ) इससे कितने व्यक्तियों को रोजगार मिलने की आशा है और इनमें से कितने प्रतिशत व्यक्ति हरियाणा के होंगे?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) और (ख) इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र में लगभग 3868 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित लागत पर करनाल रिफाइनरी स्थापित की जाएगी। अब तक लगभग 8.20 करोड़ रुपए व्यय किए गए हैं।

(ग) प्रति वर्ष 6 मिलियन मि॰ टन क्रूड थ्रुपुट प्राप्त करने की योजना है।

(घ) लगभग 1000 लोगों को रोजगार मिलने की आशा की जाती है। रिफाइनरी में रोजगार आई॰ओ॰सी॰ के नियमों और स्थानीय रोजगार कार्यालय के विनियमों के अनुसार होंगे।

Agreements signed between India and Britain

*129. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI':
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Prime Minister Mr. John Major recently visited New Delhi;

(b) if so, what specific issues were discussed with him and his team; and

. (c) what agreements and protocols were signed during the visit to improve economic taade, cultural and mutual bilateral relations and the steps taken proposed to be taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister of United Kingdom, Mr. John Major, visited India from the 23rd to 28 of January. He was also the chief Guest at the Republic Day celebrations on 26th January, 1993.

The British Prime Minister was received by the President and had wide-ranging discussions with the Prime Minister and other senior members of the